

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 7, 2021, Remotely with Google Meet 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Present: Becky Copper-Glenz, Brady Chen, Amy McGlothlin, Michael Hoberman, Viera Lorencova, Petri Flint, Laura Baker, Deborah Stone, Nancy Murray, Renee Scapparone, Lynn D’Agostino, Soumitra Basu and Barbara Cormier

Absent: All members present.

Guests: Daneen Deptula

Election of Graduate Council Officers

Motion to Review: Becky Copper Glenz

Second: Renee Scapparone

Graduate Council Nomination Recommendations for Chair and Vice-Chair

Deborah Stone recommended Renee Scapparone for Graduate Council Chairperson

Motion to Vote: Becky Copper-Glenz

Second: Nancy Murray

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Becky Copper-Glenz recommended Deborah Stone for Graduate Council Vice-Chair person

Motion to Vote: Petri Flint

Second: Nancy Murray

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Discussion regarding Graduate Student Representative

Becky Copper-Glenz suggested Jennifer Murray as the Graduate Student Representative.

Discussion regarding modality of future Graduate Council Meetings

Renee Scapparone suggested meeting remotely with Google Meet for future meetings.

Motion to Accept: Viera Lorencova
Second: Deborah Stone
Vote: Unanimous Approval

NECHE Self Study Information

Daneen Deptula made an official request to Graduate Council members as part of the Governance structure to participate in the campus feedback for the NECHE report, which was posted on the NECHE 2022 webpage on October 4 2021.

<https://www.fitchburgstate.edu/about/accreditation/neche-2022>

Forums will be held starting next week and Graduate Council members are highly encouraged to attend, and provide feedback particularly making sure that the graduate programs and graduate students are represented. Daneen requested Graduate Council members discuss their feedback from the NECHE forum during the next Graduate Council meeting on November 4, 2021 and forward the results to President Lapidus.

Proposals

GCE 21-22-01 Course Change Add Prerequisites to CSC 7131 - Computer Science

Motion to Review: Viera Lorencova
Second: Lynn D'Agostino

Discussion: Brady presented. In the Graduate Council proposal 20-21-44 we have updated all graduate CSC prerequisites to either pass the placement test (The score of 45 or higher) or CSC7131 Advanced Programming. We will accordingly change the rule for newly accepted students as following: 1. If students pass the placement test (with score of 45 or higher), they can take most of our graduate courses. 2. If students' placement test score is 35 or higher but less than 45, they need to take this CSC7131 Advance courses 3. If students' placement test score is less than 35, they need to take the undergraduate CSC1500 first and then take CSC7131 Advanced Programming. Because of this rule changes, we would like to add the following prerequisites for CSC7131: have the placement test Test score of 35 or higher or CSC 1500 with a grade of 1.0 or higher.

Friendly Amendments: Add specific types of assignments to the syllabus that the students will be graded on. At the end of the syllabus, include contact information for students who have a documented disability and need accommodations.

Graduate Council Chairperson, Renee Scapparone stated that the Graduate Council members can suggest friendly amendments to syllabi. Graduate Council members do not approve or reject proposals based on its syllabus.

Motion to Approve: Deborah Stone
Second: Amy McGlothlin
Vote: Unanimous Approval

Next meeting date: Thursday, November 7, 2021, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

New Business: Becky Copper-Glenz stated that School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education is working on a project to build an ongoing graduate student committee to meet throughout the year and give us feedback on how to engage students. The graduate student committee is in the very beginning stages at this time.

Becky also announced that on April 5, 2022 School of Graduate and Continuing Education is going to have a special graduate day at Fitchburg State University to celebrate graduate education. We invited the president of Council of Graduate Schools to attend and give an overview about trends related to graduate education and what might be relative to Fitchburg State University. Becky will provide additional information as we get closer to the event.

Nancy Murray stated that there are currently 10,000 students teaching on the emergency license in the fields of education. What this means is they have a bachelor's degree and these 10,000 students will need courses and programs to obtain their license. Nancy will be working with Becky Copper-Glenz and outreaching to our superintendents and principals for our partner schools to have a meeting with them and to have conversations and get the information out to them with a link to all of our graduate programs. We will be doing a larger outreach so we can hopefully capture some of these 10,000 students that need to get an initial license in an area of Education.

Motion to Adjourn: Becky Copper-Glenz
Second: Petri Flint
Vote: Unanimous Approval

Adjournment: 4:15 pm